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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION NEWS SERVICE

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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED MAHMOUD UMRAN, DIR EGYPTIAN NATCOM FOR UNESCO APR 23 (UMRAN HAS BEEN OUT OF COUNTRY FOR PAST FEW DAYS). WE RAISED MATTER OF FUNDING FOR TRANSLATION OF WORLD POPULATION NEWS SERVICE (WPNS) WITH HIM SUGGESTING THAT HE APPLY DIRECTLY TO UNESCO, PARIS IN FUTURE (REFTEL). UMRAN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD EARLIER RECEIVED LETTER FROM JOHN UPSTON CONCERNING MATTER AND HAS ALREADY APPLIED TO PARIS. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE REGRETS DISCONTINUANCE OF DIRCT FUNDING BY US NATCOM, SINCE THIS WAS A VALUED LINK BETWEEN TWO COMMISSIONS. UMRAN HOPES THAT COOPERATION MAY BE CONTINUED IN OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IN MAKING LATTER STATEMENT UMRAN POINTEDLY REFERRED TO VISIT EARLIER IN DAY OF VLADIMIR ORLOV, FIRST SEC USSR EMBASSY.

2. WITH REGARD TO TRANSLATIONS OF WPNS UMRAN INDICATES 5 ISSUES WERE TRANSLATED AND PRINTED IN 1974 AND ONE IN 1975. HE STATES THAT 8,000 COPIES WERE PRINTED OF EACH. (FSC IN ENDEAVORING TO REACH UMRAN EARLIER WE MADE CONTACT WITH OFFICIAL WHO HANDLES INFORMATION MATTERS FOR NATCOM WHO TOLD US 5,000 COPIES OF EACH HAD BEEN PRINTED. WE ARE DISCREETLY ENDEAVORING TO CHECK ON DISCREPANCY END FYI).

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EM EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ISSUES 1,2 AND 3 WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO DEP UPRER COVER OF A-172, NOV 18, 1974 ND A-4 AND A-5, JAN 17, 1975. UMRAN SAID THAT ISSUES 4 AND 5 HAD BEEN SENT TO EMBASSY, BUT, UPON CHECKING, THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THEIR RECEIPT. HE PROMISED TO SEND REPLACEMENT COPIES, AS WELL AS ISSUE NO. 6.

4. WITH REGARD TO DISTRIBUTION ARABIC VERSION WPNS, HALF IS UTILIZED IN EGYPT (COUNTRY WITH LARGEST POLULATIZN AND SENT TO ALL MINISTRIES, UNIVERSITIES, PRESS ESTABLISHMENTS, TECHNICAL, TRADE, LABOR AND FAMILY PLANNING INSTITUTIONS, AMONG OTHERS. DISTRIBUTION OUTSIDE EGYPT IS HANDLED THROUGH ARAB EMBASSIES IN CAIRO WHO SEND PUBLICATION TO RESPECTIVE NATIONS FOR FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT REACTION TO ARABIC VERSION WPNS, UMRAN COMMENTED THAT NO SYSTEMATIC SURVEY OF OPINION HAD BEEN MADE, THAT THERE WAS REASON TO BELIEVE IT WAS RECEIVED FAVORABLY.

6. UMRAN PROMISED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH COPY OF FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWING EXPENDITURES AND BLANCE ON HAND. HOWEVER, REPORT WOULD ONLY CONTAIN INFORMATION FOR 1974. HE SAID THAT NO STATEMENT FOR 1975 HAD BEEN PREPARED AS YET. TO ASSURE PROMPT RECEIPT, WE SUGGESTED THAT UMRAN CALL EMBASSY AND WE WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE REPORT PICKED UP TO AVOID DELAY.
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